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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Hidetoshi KODAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/544,543

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For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING METHOD THEREFOR

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28, 29, 31, and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Once amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus comprising:

a recording head having a dot formation element array including a plurality of dot

formation elements arranged in a first direction; and

a platen operable to hold a recording medium in position opposite to the recording head,

the platen having a first hole formed in an area of the platen opposite a downstream portion of

the dot formation element array with respect to the first direction, and which guides ink that has

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